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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed September 28, 2001. Entry of the following Amendment is respectfully requested prior to examination on the merits.

In the specification:

On page 7, in the paragraph on lines 7-22, the text has been amended as follows:

---While zinc binding sites have been shown to play structural roles in protein-protein interactions in certain proteins involving diverse interfaces [Feese et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., 91:3544-3548 (1994); Somers et al., Nature, 372:478-481 (1994); Raman et al., Cell, 95:939-950 (1998)], none of the previously structurally-characterized members of the TNF family (CD40 ligand, TNF-alpha, or TNF-beta) bind metals. The use of metal ions, such as zinc, in formulations of various hormones, such as human growth hormone (hGH), has been described in the literature. [See, e.g., WO 92/17200 published October 15, 1992). Zinc involvement in hGH binding to receptors was likewise described in